Promotion of Physical education in the country

*429. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to promote physical education in the country;

(b) whether Government are also making any efforts to fill up the posts of physical education teachers lying vacant in different schools and colleges in Delhi and in States, as a part of Government's programme to promote physical education; and

(c) what is the number of posts of physical education teachers recently filled up in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education, 1986 recognises that Sports and Physical Education are an integral part of learning process. For school stage NCERT has prepared curriculum frame-work which accords due importance to physical education.

School education is primarily looked after by the State Governments. Graduate and Post Graduate education is looked after by the universities which are autonomous institutions. Central Government does not sanction or fill up posts of physical education teachers in educational institutions.

In the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, NDMC and Delhi Administration schools, 2059 posts of physical education teachers are filled up against the sanctioned strength of 2220. For colleges in Delhi, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demand for representation of vessel owners' Association in Port Trusts

*430. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 2.5 million people in the country are dependent on small sailing vessels operating from minor and major ports;

(b) if so, the reasons for which their Association, known as 'All India Sailing Vessel Owners Industries Association', with Head quarters at Portbunder (Gujarat) is not represented on the Board of Trustees of various Ports; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to update their vessels for strengthening the trade activities undertaken by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of people dependent on small sailing vessels operating from minor and major ports has not been estimated.

(b) An association by name 'Federation of All India Sailing Vessels Industry Association' is in existence. The Tuticorin Sailing Vessels Owners' Association is represented on the Tuticorin Port Trust Board. As the principal users of Major Ports are not sailing vessels, it has not been found necessary to give this interest representation in other Port Trust Boards.

(c) Director General, Shipping, holds discussions with the sailing vessels' interests, on various issues from time to time. A soft loan scheme was in vague till 1986 and it has been proposed to revise it into an interest subsidy scheme.

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*431. श्री अर्जुन जोशी :
लाल धूलिया :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

क) को संसद सदस्यों से दवाइयों की खरीद में किए जा रहे करोड़ों